

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-6 and 8-20 are pending in the application, with Claims 8-18 having been withdrawn from consideration. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and rejected Claims 1, 3-6, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,555,408 B1 (Jacobsen).

Please cancel Claims 8-18, without prejudice.

Please accept replacement sheet for page containing Figures 4-6. Figure 6 has been amended. The amendment is supported in the specification. No new matter has been added.

Regarding the Examiner's rejection of Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claim 2 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection. In view of the above, Claim 2 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

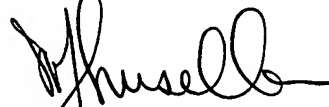
A telephonic interview between Applicants' representative Victor A. Grossman and the Examiner was conducted on July 11, 2005. During the interview, patentability of Claims 1-6 and 19-20 were discussed. Although no agreement was reached, the Examiner agreed that Jacobsen fails to teach or suggest "an oxide layer deposited upon the carrier substrate so as to fill any gaps between each of the at least two substrates and the pocket." Claim 1 has been amended to include the above-recited language.

In light of the discussion above, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 1 overcomes the stated rejections. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-6, 19 and 20 it is respectfully submitted that these claims also overcome the rejections by

virtue of their dependence on Claim 1. Claims 1-6, 19 and 20 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' representative at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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